A regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Harrison, Westchester County, New York was held at the Municipal Building, 1 Heineman Place, Harrison, NY, Westchester County, on the 6th day of May, 2010 at 7:30 PM, Eastern Daylight Savings Time. All members having received due notice of said meeting:

MEMBERS PRESI	<u>ENT:</u>
Joan B. Walsh	Supervisor
Joseph Cannella	)
	)Councilpersons
Patrick Vetere	)
Marlane Amelio	)
ALSO ATTENDING	<u>G:</u>
Frank Allegretti	Town Attorney
Robert Paladino	Village Attorney
Jonathan Kraut	Deputy Village Attorney
Anthony Marraccini .	Chief of Police
Michael Amodeo	Town Engineer
Mark Heinbockel	Assessor

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## 2010 - - 176 <u>LETTER COMPLIMENTING THE DPW EMPLOYEES</u> ROB STRUZZI, CHRIS COLASACCO AND PETE CASSAVECCA

Supervisor Joan Walsh read the following letter from the Guido family complimenting three employees in the Department of Public Works:

Dear Bobby Day,

We would just like to extend our thanks to DPW workers Rob Struzzi, Chris Colasacco and Pete Cassavecca. There was a hazardous problem with a raised sidewalk in our neighborhood. It was pointed out to them while they were filling pot holes on the same street. We appreciate the immediate action they took with the problem. They were courteous, professional and efficient. Please pass on our thanks to them as it was greatly appreciated.

Thank you again,

Sincerely,

The Guido's

Supervisor Walsh thanked the Guido's for sending the letter and the DPW men for their outstanding performance.

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### PRESENTATION BY TOWN ENGINEER MICHAEL AMODEO RE: THE ANNUAL STORMWATER REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 9, 2010

Town Engineer Michael Amodeo stated that it is a requirement of the DEC that each municipality present their Annual Stormwater Management Report at a Town/Village Board meeting each year and then submit it to the DEC.

There are six (6) criteria the Stormwater Report covers:

- 1. Public Education and Outreach;
- 2. Public Involvement & Participation: examples of this are: storm drain markings informing residents that they drain to water ways and not to dump waste in it; educational signs are in the Lobby of the Municipal Building, Video clips on the Cable Channel and on the Website.
- 3. Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination: to make sure that nothing illegal entering the Town's storm-drains and then entering our waterways.
- 4. Construction Stormwater Management: during construction and post construction. The Building Department and the Engineering Department oversee many site inspections during construction jobs, stormwater facility inspection
- 5. Post-Construction: Stormwater Management;
- 6. Municipal Operations: DPW cleans out catch basins, stormdrain pipes, street sweeping and proper vehicle wash-down.

This is all contained in the report, showing how the Town met all the DEC regulations for this past year. The criteria will become more stringent for the upcoming year; we will have more education and outreach. Increase mapping of stormwater facilities and watersheds and increased maintenance control of stormwater facilities.

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RESOLVED to appr the Supervisor to sig	rove the request by Town I in the MS4 Annual Stormy	Engineer Michael Amodeo for auth water Management Report.	orization for Copies to:
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#### 2010 - - 178 <u>REPORT BY SUPERVISOR JOAN WALSH</u> <u>RE: NEWSPAPER ARTICLE</u>

Supervisor Joan Walsh said that there was a report that several municipalities had appeared before a board and they stopped people in the street, asking whose water tasted the best. Ossining came out the best and number two was United Water of New Rochelle, who buys their water from our WJWW, it's the same water we use. Even though we did not enter the taste test we can still claim to be number two in the informal tasting taste since it's from our WJWW.

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#### 2010 - - 179 - - a REMARKS BY RESIDENT EMIL DOMINIANNI

Emil Dominianni of West Harrison addressed the Board, and stated that he's here tonight just as a concerned citizen of 47 years. His point was that Harrison's management, its leadership, is not on the right course, referring primarily to finances. He continued that the approach the Board has adopted, in raising revenues, has been the wrong approach. The approach that the Board must undertake, and quickly, is going to hurt a lot of people in Harrison. You, (the board) are forcing people to fight with their feet, they will move out and you will end up with a financial shamble. He went onto say that Harrison's problem is the same as Greece's, you have to cut costs. His perception of the Board's (actions) has been the opposite, that you are trying to raise money by increasing garbage taxes for commercial corporations.

Mr. Dominianni went on to say that "the stock market tumbled today, but not because of the way corporations are operating. The corporations are doing fine because (they have) good management on reduced income, because they cut costs, (adding that the Board needs to) get more efficiency out of your people." He further stated that "Westchester County is doing its best to stay in that very unfortunate category of (being) the highest taxed county in the country. And Harrison is doing very well keeping us there."

Mr. Dominianni further stated as follows: "That there was an article in the paper about water rates going to go up about 28%, and Mayor Walsh, excuse me, it said that there hasn't been an increase in three or four years. He then said that you're not entitled to an increase because there hasn't been one. Major corporations are doing well because they know to cut costs. Each (Board member) has been at budget meetings, you know where the waste is, you know what has to be cut. Don't ask the people the question: "what should we do?" It's not their job, it's your job, you're the insiders, you know what's going on, you have to cut these costs and find where the inefficiencies exist and work on them. I would tell all the Department Heads we're going to start budget meetings early this year, and we want surpluses in each of your accounts, unexpended balances. If you don't come in with those, maybe next year we're going to have to find new Department Heads who know how to run the Department correctly. You need to give people an incentive, and sometimes the incentive is a swift blow to the head."

He further continued: "I don't know what the proposed employee "salary give back" is, what is (being) negotiated (with) the union (I know) only what the newspaper says: it's all a deferral. That's not a "give back." You're not being honest with the people, you're merely borrowing from employees. The way you get the town into further financial trouble, is by borrowing more. You're not saving money by doing that. White Plains negotiated "give backs" that are true "give backs." I'm not suggesting that you lay off people whole sale. Municipal employees (now) enjoy benefits and salaries like no other time in history. They're way ahead of the private sector, they must recognize, and (the) unions must realize that deferrals accomplish nothing. One must never confuse work and accomplishment. Keep your eye on accomplishing the purpose, and the purpose is cutting costs so in 2011 there is no (tax) increase."

Mr. Dominianni went on: (Regarding) the garbage pick up -- a lot of people have a problem with bringing their garbage to the curb, which is a huge loss of service. You can't tell me that's saving money, you have the same crews, same number of trucks. If you can explain that, Mayor Walsh, to the people, I will gladly take it back. You (Mayor Walsh) said we're going to save on workman's compensation claims. You understand these things, you were elected and it is your job. When 2011 comes around and there is no tax increase, then you have done your job."

On another subject, Mr. Dominianni said: "This feud that goes on with the Police Department has got to come to an end. We really have to establish between the Board and the Police Department, the policemen, a sense of increased esprit (de corps) so that everybody is working for the town. This motion that I understand to appoint a liaison to act between the Police Chief and the Board for \$60,000 a year is the biggest waste of money, second only to the investigator you had before this that investigated all these complaints. Fool me once, shame on you, fool me twice, shame on me. You made the mistake once with an investigator, don't waste the town's money again. (The Board) are (the) police commissioners. If you want to talk to the Chief, you talk to him. You're getting paid for that, it is in your salary and description and duties. If you are incapable of doing it, I suggest that the fair thing to do is to cut your salaries by \$60,000, its only doing you a favor having this liaison. You have to work on this feud, or the lack of understanding, that exists between the Administration and the police department. I don't know Chief Marraccini, I don't know any of the officers. I know Chief Marraccini's father, and I know (his brother) Phil, but I have no ax to grind for him or the Department. Give him and the Department a chance to do their jobs, and don't superimpose another person. I have no idea what he's going to do, which will be useless and cause more problems. There is a lawyer that practices in Westchester who loves to sue municipalities. By you creating this new individual, for those of you who know the law, you are providing for him a perfect discovery, a perfect way to discover all the things that are going wrong. No reason to do that! (As Police Commissioners and Town Board members) you should discover if there are any problems, and discuss them and solve them. There is absolutely no reason to waste another \$60,000."

Mr. Dominianni then raised another topic: "Lastly, I sent you an email, Mayor Walsh, saying that I attended a meeting at 919 Third Ave in New York, and as I entered the building I noticed a Purchase Fire SUV parked nearby."

Supervisor Walsh interrupted and stated: "I gave you the answer to that."

Mr. Dominianni replied: "No you didn't."

Supervisor Walsh then stated: "I told you that the Fire Chiefs are given personal vehicles, and that (driving them as their personal car) is what they are allowed to do. He had business in the city and he drove into the city."

Mr. Dominianni asked: "Whose business did he have in the city? Personal business?"

Supervisor Walsh replied: "It doesn't matter, it's his personal car for the time he is the Fire Chief."

Mr. Dominianni pointed out: "Well, if I was in a court room right now, Mayor Walsh, I would say I rest my case, you have just proven, not from my mouth, but from yours, that the town apparently has a policy that provides a vehicle to the Fire Chief, a vehicle that he can use for any purpose. That has to stop."

Supervisor Walsh answered: "It is part of the by laws of the Purchase Fire Department. Since you picked on the Purchase Fire Department, let me just say as I believe you know, that the downtown Fire Department and the West Harrison Fire Department are part of the town, but Purchase is a totally independent Fire Department."

Mr. Dominianni then asked: "Do they collect their taxes separately or through the town?"

Supervisor Walsh: "They are collected through the town, but only for their own district. Just as we serve (as the collection agency) for the county and the school."

Councilman Cannella inserted: "To be clear, we don't approve their budget, they are completely independent of the town."

Mr. Dominianni questioned: "But somebody pays for that vehicle, that vehicle does not come for free, it uses gasoline and needs tires."

Councilman Cannella: "That is correct. The town has no influence on the Purchase Fire Department anymore than we do on the County, and we collect County and school taxes."

Mr. Dominianni asked: "You have no influence on the Purchase Fire Department?"

Councilman Cannella and Supervisor Walsh both replied: "None whatsoever. They are totally independent."

Mr. Dominianni then said that he believed "that (the Board) should raise your voices, and say that this is not what is done in Harrison, and maybe you can even confirm that no other person working in the town can use a town vehicle for any purpose. If I was sitting there I would say to Purchase, this is not permitted, these are hard times, you can't use a vehicle paid for by the tax payers." He continued that "This requires a change in attitude at the Board level, that this message that things have to be done better and cheaper has to start with you. It has to start with you and it has to be passed down to all the employees. He then suggested that "what the employees get from (the Board) is a 'wink and nod,' this is just another irate citizen, don't pay any attention to him, all we're interested in is keeping things the way they are going."

Supervisor Walsh responded: "As you say, we are the insiders, we know what is going on. We have many times talked to the press and the reporters and also certainly the employees and told them what we are doing. I don't think you are aware that, since January 2008, the town has cut 43 positions, and that saved us, oh, I don't have how much (in dollars,) but it was 43 positions. At the end of 2009, we offered incentive retirements to the employees who met the qualifications to retire. It costs us \$800,000 for those incentives, but it saved us \$2.2 million in the 2010 budget as we are not replacing any employees."

Mr. Dominianni responded in turn:" So you transferred to the pension fund the obligation to continue paying these people and you think that's a cut in my taxes? Who do you think pays for the pension fund?"

Supervisor Walsh: "We are no longer contributing to the pension fund for those people. The contribution to pension was during employment. In DPW, in this year's budget, we cut out all part time people, which was \$115,000, plus benefits that some of those people received. In the 2009 budget, the regular salaries line for DPW was \$2.7 million. In 2010, it's only \$2.2. We're saving over \$600,000 just in DPW. In the 2010 budget, the elected officials cut their salaries by 10% voluntarily. You talk about Westchester County being the highest taxed. I did look it up, there is a chart which I will be happy to share with you, it gives the relative position of the 35 municipalities -- towns, not villages -- throughout the county and their relative position as far as their level of taxation. We're seventh from the bottom. The fact of the matter is that this Board has worked very hard at cutting costs. We cut \$1 million from the 2009 budget which had been approved before the 2009 year started. That was money that was surplus at the end of that year, using your terms. Year-to-date, we have saved a half a million dollars; we have already "not spent" a half a million dollars in the budget by this day in May. We cut back the number of people who had Nextels and saved \$3,000 a month in phone bills. The Town has to operate, we have to spend some money. We have cut back on what we are spending. We have cut back on the number of employees; we are working very hard to make sure there is no waste.

Mr. Dominianni: "I'm glad to hear there are cut backs. But what about increases we are faced with? Your hard work and diligence has not accomplished much. We're not living within our means. There's a \$60,000 savings at your fingertips, eliminate the liaison.

At this point, Anthony DiFiore, Attorney for the Police Benevolent Association (PBA,) stated that it's the union's understanding that the Board is going to be appointing a liaison, and he wanted the PBA's position to be clear.

He was asked not to have any discussion at this time, and he agreed.

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#### 2010 - - 179 - - b ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Sciliano,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the following correspondence and reports:

Notification by William Maker, Jr., Attorney for the Town of Mamaroneck, that a public hearing will take place on May 5, 2010 RE: the application made by Byron Place Associates, LLC and FCD Mamaroneck, LLC for a special permit to amend a special permit previously issued by the Town for a mixed use development consisting of commercial uses and a 139 unit condominium (containing 9 workforce housing units) on Madison Avenue. The amendment, if approved, will increase the number of units from 139 to 149, increasing the number of workforce housing units from 9 to 10.

Monthly report by the Chief of Police for March 2010. Monthly report by the Building Inspector for Fire Prevention for April 2010. Monthly report by the Receiver of Taxes for April 2010.

#### Adopted by the following vote:

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Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Sciliano and Vetere

Supervisor Walsh

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# ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: REQUEST BY CHIEF OF POLICE ANTHONY MARRACCINI FOR APPROVAL FOR SGT. MICHAEL OLSEY TO ATTEND THE 2010 SPRING SEMESTER AT ASHFORD UNIVERSITY

The matter was adjourned to executive session

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## APPROVAL FOR ASSESSOR MARK HEINBOCKEL TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL NEW YORK STATE ASSESSOR'S ASSOCIATION SEMINAR. COST: \$1,300

On motion of Councilman Vetere, seconded by Supervisor Walsh,

it was

RESOLVED to approve Assessor Mark Heinbockel to attend the annual New York State Assessor's Association Seminar, July 11 through July 16, 2010, at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, at a total cost of \$1,300. This amount is 100% reimbursable by the State of New York and should cost the Town no money. This is a required cost for Assessor certification.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and the Assessor.

Adopted by the following vote:

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Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Sciliano and Vetere

Supervisor Walsh

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#### APPROVAL OF THE CONFIRMATION FOR THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE HARRISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by the Library Board of Trustees for confirmation for the appointment of the following to the position of Trustees of the Harrison Public Library, for terms to commence on May 6, 2010 and to expire on December 31, 2014:

Scott T. Martin, 100 Macri Avenue, West Harrison Mark Santangelo, 221 Halstead Avenue, Harrison Maureen B. Skrilow, 122 Osborn Road, Harrison

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Director of the Harrison Public Library.

Adopted by the following vote:

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## APPROVAL FOR THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF PAUL MARCONE TO THE POSITION OF PART TIME TRAFFIC LABORER FOR THE HARRISON POLICE DEPARTMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Amelio, seconded by Councilman Cannella,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Chief of Police Anthony Marraccini for authorization to re-appoint Paul Marcone to the position of part time traffic laborer, for the Harrison Police Department, at the hourly rate of \$11 per hour, effective May 7, 2010.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and the Chief of Police.

Adopted by the following vote:

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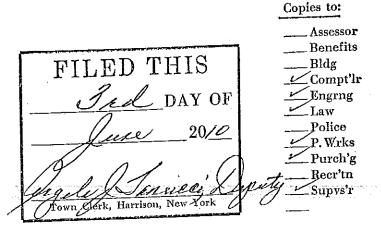
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Supervisor Walsh

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### AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE A SITE CONTRACTOR, SURVEYOR AND PIPE-LINE VIDEOGRAPHER RE: THE OAK VALLEY LANE SUBDIVISION

On motion of Councilman Vetere, seconded by Councilman Cannella,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Town Engineer Michael Amodeo for authorization to hire a site contractor, surveyor and pip-line videographer to complete the remaining punch list items at the Oak Valley Lane Subdivision at a total cost not to exceed \$65,712.61, which is held in a segregated account for this subdivision. These funds were provided for the subdivision by the developer who has since forfeited the money.

FURTHER RESOLVED to authorize the Purchasing Department to issue a Purchase Order to the site contractor, sewer and drain videographer and surveyor.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, the Town Engineer and the Purchasing Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

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Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Sciliano and Vetere

Supervisor Walsh

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#### APPROVAL FOR A SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT TO BRAE BURN COUNTRY CLUB FOR THEIR 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GOLF AND TENNIS CLASSIC TO BENEFIT CALVARY HOSPITAL

On motion of Councilman Vetere, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Building Inspector Robert FitzSimmons on behalf of Brae Burn Country Club, for authorization for a Special Events Permit, for their 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf and Tennis Classic to benefit Calvary Hospital on August 2, 2010.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the fee be waived.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Building Inspector.

Adopted by the following vote:

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Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Sciliano and Vetere

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#### APPROVAL TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING RE: THE ZONING AMENDMENTS FOR THE MTA PROPERTY

On motion of Councilman Vetere, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Supervisor Joan B. Walsh for authorization to set the date of June 3, 2010 for a Public Hearing RE: the Zoning Amendments for the MTA property on Halstead Avenue.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Law Department and Mr. Cleary.

Adopted by the following vote:

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Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Sciliano and Vetere

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### APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH A BOND FEE AND AN INSPECTION FEE FOR THE CLARD SUBDIVISION, 61 BUCKOUT ROAD

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Vetere,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by the Planning Board for authorization for the Town Board to establish a Bond Fee in the amount of \$250,000 and an Inspection Fee in the amount of \$10,000 for the Clard Subdivision, 61 Buckout Road.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, the Law Department and the Chairperson of the Planning Board.

Adopted by the following vote:

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# ADJOURNED UNTIL THE MAY 30, 2010 MEETING REQUEST BY ATTORNEY LINDA WHITEHEAD FOR APPROVAL FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE, PERMITTED SIGNS IN THE SB-O ZONE

After a lengthy discussion the matter was adjourned until the May 20, 2010 Meeting.

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#### APPROVAL FOR POWELL'S CLAM BAR TO HOLD TWO ADDITIONAL EVENINGS FOR "DINING UNDER THE STARS EVENT"

On motion of Councilwoman Amelio, seconded by Councilman Vetere,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by William Powell, President of Powell's Clam Bar for authorization to hold two additional evenings for "Dining Under the Stars Event", on July 15<sup>th</sup> and July 22, 2010.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Commissioner of Public Works, the Building Inspector and Mr. Powell.

Adopted by the following vote:

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#### 2010 - - - 190 APPROVAL FOR THE <u>BUDGET MODIFICATIONS</u>

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Supervisor Walsh,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the following Budget Modification:

#### Increase:

001-1440-100-0407

54,500

Engineering-Special Service

#### Increase:

001-0000-050-5009

54,500

Transfer in-Trust and Agency

To transfer funds from Trust and Agency to the Town to cover contracts relating to Beaver Swamp Brook-DEC Permit Contracts.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller.

Adopted by the following vote:

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#### APPROVAL TO ACCEPT DONATIONS FOR THE EMILIO SCATENATO PLAQUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,205

On motion of Councilman Vetere, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Comptroller Maureen MacKenzie for authorization to accept the following donations for the Emilio Scatenato Plaque Account #009-616:

Mastrogiacomo Engineering PC	\$ 500.
Saverina C. Egan	\$ 5.
Joseph J. Ruto	\$ 50.
Walter Kenneth Defaber and Marian L. Defaber	\$ 100.
Michael Cutri and Esteban A. Cutri	\$ 100.
M. A. Terranova	\$ 100.
Nancy E. Steng	\$ 50.
Stack Associates at Law	\$ 50.
Dolores Federici	\$ 100.
William Doria Jr.	\$ 50.
Helen R. Marshall and Fred L. Marshall	\$ 25.
Robert Frattarola and Katherine H. Frattarola	\$ 25.
Richard A. Goldstein	\$ 50.

Total:

\$1,205.

Donations to date:

\$ 4,755.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller.

Adopted by the following vote:

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### APPROVAL TO EXECUTE A QUITCLAIM DEED AND TRANSFER DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH BLOCK 231, LOT 18

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Town Attorney Frank Allegretti for authorization to execute a Quitclaim Deed and transfer documents in connection with Block 231, Lot 18, to correct an error from 1951 when the deed for this property was not merged with the deed for the adjacent property. Since 1960 the two properties have been merged.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Law Department and the Assessor.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Sciliano and Vetere

Supervisor Walsh

NAYS:

None

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## 2010 - - 193 <u>APPROVAL FOR A SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT</u> RE: A BLOCK PARTY ON HESS AVENUE, SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2010

On motion of Councilman Sciliano, seconded by Councilman Vetere,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Amy Hamilton for authorization for a Special Events Permit, to hold a block party on Hess Avenue, Sunday, May 23, 2010.

FURTHER RESOLVED to waive the fee.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the street be closed between Coakley and Danner Avenues.

FURTHER RESOLVED that Mrs. Hamilton will provide a Certificate of Insurance and will notify the Police Department.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Commissioner of Public Works and the Police Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Sciliano and Vetere

Supervisor Walsh

NAYS:

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## APPROVAL TO SET THE DATE OF MAY 20, 2010 FOR A PUBLIC HEARING RE: AMENDING CHAPTER 106 ENTITLED BUILDING PERMIT FEES; OUTDOOR ASSEMBLIES

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Deputy Village Attorney Jonathan Kraut for authorization to set the date of May 20, 2010 for a Public Hearing RE: Amending Chapter 106, entitled Building Permit Fees; Outdoor Assemblies.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Law Department and the Building Inspector.

Adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** 

Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Sciliano and Vetere

Supervisor Walsh

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# 2010 - - 195 <u>APPROVAL FOR A SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT</u> <u>RE: CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY THE GREAT PROCESSION</u> ON TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2010

On motion of Councilwoman Amelio, seconded by Councilman Cannella,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request of Msgr. Rev. Francis McAree of the Church of St. Gregory the Great for a Special Events Permit for a procession on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 7:30 PM.

FURTHER RESOLVED to authorize the police to escort the procession from the Knights of Columbus Building at the corner of West Street and Halstead Avenue, proceeding on the south side of Halstead Avenue to the Church of St. Gregory the Great.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Chief of Police and Msgr. Rev. McAree.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Sciliano and Vetere

Supervisor Walsh

NAYS:

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# 2010 - - 196 APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT FOR ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CHURCH TO HOLD A PARISH CARNIVAL JUNE 11, 12 AND 13, 2010

On motion of Councilman Vetere, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request of Dan Rogers, Carnival Chairperson for St. Gregory the Great Church, for a Special Events Permit to hold a Parish Carnival on Church property, 94 Broadway, Harrison, at the following dates and times:

Friday, June  $11^{th} - 6PM - 11PM$ Saturday, June  $12^{th} - 5PM - 11PM$ Sunday, June  $13^{th} - 3PM - 8PM$ 

During the duration of this event carnival trailers, booths and amusement rides will be located on said property.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the fee be waived.

FURTHER RESOLVED that upon Town Board approval a Certificate of insurance will be submitted.

FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Rogers contact the Chief of Police and Fire Department.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Chief of Police, the Chief of the Harrison Fire Department and Mr. Rogers.

Adopted by the following vote:

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#### 2010 - - 197 <u>AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL</u> <u>FILMING LICENSE FEES</u>

On motion of Councilman Vetere, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Town Clerk Joseph Acocella for authorization to increase the annual fees for Filming Permits from \$700 to \$1,000 per year and the Daily Rate be increase from \$250 to \$500 per year.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and the Law Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

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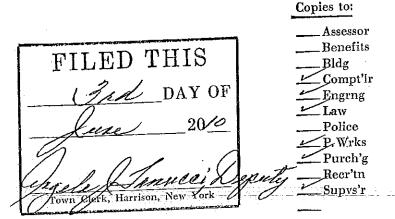
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None

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#### 2010 - - 198 - - a REMARKS BY RESIDENTS

Dino Puccio stated that he believed that we have to keep costs down, and look at one parameter, keeping labor and benefits around 60-65% of the budget, right now it's past 70%. It is Mr. Puccio's opinion that the baseline is 60-65%, you need to bring down over-time about \$5 million from now, this would help tremendously. He believes that the town should be reimbursed by police officers attending college.

Nick Ferrara stated that he had given suggestions to raise money for the town. He has another idea, that because Harrison has nice parks, other towns don't have as nice parks, offering 100 permits at \$1,000 each to have admission to the pool in Harrison. That's \$100,000 for three months. The Ritz Carlton can bus them over.

Supervisor Walsh replied that the Board will take it into consideration.

Nick Ferrara talks about the police liaison at a cost of \$60,000 per year. He is dead set against this. You are the town supervisor, you are the town board, you represent the town, if you don't have a good relationship with the police department that's your problem, it's your job, and it's your responsibility. You should give up your police commissioner badges if you are not going to do your jobs.

Supervisor Walsh explained that they do not have the same knowledge of the operations of the police department as they do for departments that are located in the building. It is the decision of the board to try and get more information about the police department. The qualifications of the person that was outlined demanded a person of experienced police officer who had been in a command position who had wide experience, and it was our thought that it wouldn't be an adversarial position, but a resource for officers to bring ideas that have been developed in other places over the years and test them against ours to get the best of all possible worlds.

Mr. Ferrara believes that you are hiring someone to be in the role as the police liaison officer. Why do you have police commissioner badges, you should not have them.

Councilman Cannella stated that to make things clear, this person would not be acting on behalf of the town board. This person would be reporting to the town board, this person would have no authority over the department.

Roy Porto asked about the deferrals. Employees are concerned about their jobs.

No answers are given.

Roy Porto also asked for projection of the budget.

There are no projections.

Roy Porto believes cost cutting is the most important.

Sam Fanelli spoke about the garbage fees. He stated that as a board fees for special events were waived for four people tonight, and you are still nickel and diming people. He urged the board to re-look at the garbage proposal.

Supervisor Walsh stated that she went into stores in West Harrison and no one raised the issue.

Lucille Held stated that she believes the board is trying to control the debt as much as they can.

Mrs. Held brought up the issue of boiler repairs.

Village Attorney Robert Paladino explains what happened with the bond that was passed in 2006 about the boiler.

Mrs. Held asked why we're outsourcing to do the paperwork when we have an engineering department. She wants to stop outsourcing. She'd rather see overtime given to our own employees instead of using outside sources.

Supervisor Walsh explained they have stopped outsourcing as much as possible.

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#### 2010 - - 198 - - b REMARKS BY PBA ATTORNEY ANTHONY DIFIORE

Anthony DiFiore, attorney for the Harrison PBA stated that he wants to let the board know what the Union thinks about the liaison. They believe it is unnecessary and overkill. The Union wants to know what the liaison is going to be doing. Is he going to be able to carry a gun?

Councilman Cannella responded: if he has a license.

Mr. DiFiore then asked: will he (the liaison) be able to make arrests?

Supervisor Walsh responded no.

Mr. DiFiore asked if he (the liaison) is going serve as a supervisory function?

Mrs. Walsh responded no.

Mr. DiFiore believes he (the liaison) is going to be a very expensive messenger boy. He asked why he (the liaison) is necessary at all. Mr. DiFiore is representing the PBA and believes the chief is capable of performing all his tasks, and does not want a civilian because he cannot do anything. The legal position is that the board's action in creating this position is illegal. First, it violates collective bargaining, you're taking this unilaterally and creating a position, and you're taking a police position and crafting it in a way that this person is not serving a police function.

Councilman Cannella interjected when you state terms like bad faith and things of that nature that is subjective evaluation of the mentality of the thought process of the board. He continued saying, he takes offense to it. He did not want to have an argument and asked Mr. DiFiore not to accuse the board in acting in bad faith, it's argumentative.

Mr. DiFiore stated that his argument is based on decisions handed down by the Appellate Division and the Public Relations Board. Secondly, we believe it's an illegal position. It violates the civil service law, the tailor law, the New York State labor laws, the appointment, if approved by this board will be met with swift and vigorous legal opposition.

Supervisor Walsh replied that the hoard appreciates his opinion.

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#### 2010 - - 199 MATTERS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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On motion duly made and seconded, with all members voting in favor, the Meeting was recessed to Executive Session at 9:15 PM.

On motion duly made and seconded, with all members voting in favor, the Meeting was reconvened at 10:40 PM.

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### APPROVAL TO POSTPONE TOWN BOARD AGENDA ITEM RE: THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE MTA PROJECT

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Sciliano,

it was

RESOLVED to postpone Town Board Agenda item RE: the Public Hearing for the MTA project. The change being the date of the Public Hearing to be decided at a future Meeting.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Law Department and Mr. Cleary.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Sciliano and Vetere

Supervisor Walsh

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# AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT TO TOWN PLANNER PAT CLEARY FOR PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT FOR THE ZONING AMENDMENTS FOR THE MTA. COST; \$15,000

On motion of Councilman Sciliano, seconded by Supervisor Walsh,

it was

RESOLVED to authorize payment to Town Planner Pat Cleary for preparation of the draft for the zoning amendments for the MTA project.

FURTHER RESOLVED that funding is to come from the Contingency Fund.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, the Law Department and Mr. Cleary.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Sciliano and Vetere

Supervisor Walsh

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#### APPROVAL FOR FIREFIGHTER FRANCIS M. TESORO TO RECEIVE §207-A DISABILITY BENEFITS

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Sciliano,

it was

RESOLVED to approve §207-a Disability Benefits to Firefighter Francis M. Tesoro for an injury sustained in the performance of duty.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, the Personnel Manager and the Law Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Sciliano and Vetere

Supervisor Walsh

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#### APPROVAL FOR THE REASSIGNMENT OF DETECTIVE ISSA KHAROUBA TO THE RANK OF FIRST GRADE PATROL OFFICER

On motion of Councilwoman Amelio, seconded by Councilman Cannella,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the reassignment of Detective Issa Kharouba to the rank of First Grade Patrol Officer, at the annual salary of \$89,986, effective May 5, 2010.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, the Personnel Manager and the Chief of Police.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Sciliano and Vetere

Supervisor Walsh

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#### 2010 - - 204 <u>APPROVAL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF KATE T. BARNWELL TO</u> THE PLANNING BOARD

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the appointment of Kate T. Barnwell to the Planning Board, effective immediately, as successor to Alice AvRutick.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Chairman of the Planning Board.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Sciliano and Vetere

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### APPROVAL FOR SGT. MICHAEL OLSEY TO ATTEND ASHFORD UNIVERSITY FOR THE 2010 SPRING SEMESTER. COST: \$3,442.

On motion of Councilwoman Amelio, seconded by Councilman Cannella,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Chief of Police Anthony Marraccini for authorization for Sgt. Michael Olsey to attend Ashford University for the 2010 Spring Semester at a total cost for tuition and books \$3,442 for the following courses:

- 1. Adult Development & Life Assessment
- 2. Introduction to Ethics and Social Responsibility

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Comptroller, upon satisfactory completion and submission of Sgt. Olsey's attendance, and submission of proof of payment, be authorized to audit and pay for expenses as outlined in the contract with the HPA.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and the Chief of Police.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella and Sciliano

Supervisor Walsh

NAYS:

Councilman Vetere

ABSENT:

None

There being no further matters to come before the Board, the Meeting was, on motion duly made and seconded, with all members voting in favor declared closed at 10:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela J. Tamucci Deputy Town Clerk

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